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SUBJECT: LETER FROM SENATOR KENNEDY TO FORMER ALL INDIA YOUTH
PRESIDENT P.R. DAS MUNSHI

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO DACCA DEC 17TH FROM
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STORY WHICH APPEARED IN MASS CIRCULATION
CALCUTTA BENGALI LANGUAGE DAILY, ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA, DEC 16
UNDER HEADLINE "TED KENNEDY ALSO SHARES INDIA'S CONCERN".

QUOTE 'I FULLY SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER THE TRAGIC CHANGE OVER
THAT TOOK PLACE RECENTLY IN DACCA, WHERE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY
AND POSSIBILITY OF DISRUPTION IS DANGEROUSLY ON THE INCREASE. I
WILL KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON THE TREND OF EVENTS THERE AND WILL CON-
TINUE TO ASK MY GOVERNMENT TO ASSUME A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE FOR THE
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PEACEFUL PROGRESS OF BANGLADESH,' SAID U.S. SENATOR EDWARD

KENNEDY IN A PERSONAL LETTER TO LOK SABHA MEMBER PRIYA DAS MUNSHI. MR. KENNEDY, WHOM INNUMERABLE PEOPLE IN THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES WANT TO SEE AS THE HIGHEST EXECUTIVE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, RUSHED TO INDIA TO STAND BY THE REFUGEES FROM BANGLADESH DURING THE STORMY DAYS IN 1971. AT THAT TIME HE EXPRESSED UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR INDIA AND PRIME MINISTER MRS. INDIRA GANDHI.

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY ALSO STOOD AGAINST THE APPEAL FOR ASYLUM IN THE U.S. MADE BY THE BANGLADESH MILITARY OFFICERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DASTARDLY MURDER OF SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS. MR. DAS MUNSHI WROTE A PERSONAL LETTER TO MR. KENNEDY CONGRATULATING HIM FOR HIS GESTURE. IN THIS LETTER DAS MUNSHI REQUESTED KENNEDY TO BE 'VIGILANT SO THAT THE US GOVERNMENT GIVES NO INDULGENCE TO SUCH ASSASSINATIONS.' UNQUOTEKORN

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